

**TUFTING NEEDLE**

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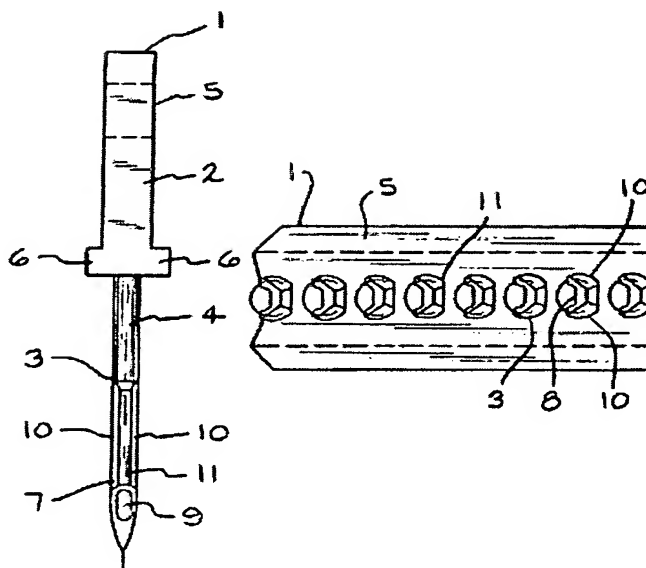
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PCT No. PCT/DE96/02512 Sec. 371 Date Nov. 13, 1998 Sec. 102(e) Date Nov. 13, 1998 PCT Filed Dec. 24, 1996 PCT Pub. No. WO97/25466 PCT Pub. Date Jul. 17, 1997A tufting needle is disclosed. The needle consists of a butt (3) and a shank (7). The butt can be integrally formed at least partially in a needle module (1), while the shank has a needle tip, provided with an eye (9), and a thread guide groove (8) on one side as well as a chamfer (10) at one edge of the side (11) which is located opposite the thread guide groove (8). A chamfer (10) is likewise provided at a second edge of the side (11) opposite the guide groove (8), and the tufting needle is symmetric relative to a plane centrally dividing the thread groove (8) and the side (11) opposite the guide groove (8).



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